THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Government has reports of secret talks between the LTTE and some members of the Sri Lankan Government. However, the President of Sri Lanka has not himself participated in such talks; and

(b) and (c) The Government of Sri Lanka has assured Government that it is committed to the full implementation of the Indo-Sri Lankan Agreement. Any arrangements reached against the spirit of the Agreement will be rejected by both Governments.

Nuclear powered submarine from Soviet Union

1084. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Navy has leased a nuclear powered submarine from Soviet Union recently;

(b) if so, what are the terms of lease;

(c) whether Government propose to acquire more nuclear powered submarines for Navy; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) It would not be in the interest of national security to disclose these details.

Issue of duplicate passport to Win Chadha

1085. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Consulate General in San Francisco (US) issued a duplicate passport to Win Chadha on or about June 8, 1987;

(b) what formalities are required to be fulfilled to obtain a duplicate passport and how much time does it normally take to get a duplicate passport in US;

(c) when and where did Win Chadha apply for a Duplicate passport and how did he fulfil all the formalities; and

(d) whether Government were in search of Win Chadha?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) On receipt of an application for a passport in lieu of a lost one, together with necessary supporing documentation like police report, the Mission seeks verification from the original Passport issuing authority. However, the Mission has the discretion to waive this requirement for travelling businessmen, etc. and to issue them a short validity passport.

Shri Chadha applied on 8th June 1987 to the Consulate General of India, San Francisco on which date the Consulate General did not have any official instructions concerning Shri Chadha.

Visit of Indian film stars to Pakistan

1086. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent visit of Indian Film Stars Dilip Kumar, Saira Banu, Manoj Kumar and others to Pakistan;

(b) what was the purpose of their visit and whether they made any representation to lift the ban on Indian Films in Pakistan;